

## A LITTLE MORE PAIN

Driving by Lucky's  
in heavy traffic  
after work  
I see this guy  
sporting red beard  
& soiled baseball cap  
holding up cardboard  
sign that reads:  
work for food.  
& of course  
no one stops.  
Traffic is heavy.

## RAY

In January, after  
surgery, he  
wrote he'd be  
ok, then died  
in August, not  
yet 51. So?  
So I read his  
poems, his stories  
& hurt & learn.  
His work will  
raise him up.

## PETER WEIDMAN

My great grandfather Peter  
lived to be 81.  
He had long white  
hair & beard.  
My grandmother told  
me he went to sleep  
in his rocking chair  
& never woke up.  
I never met him but,  
I see him every day.  
I have a life-like  
pencil drawing my father  
made of him in 1917.